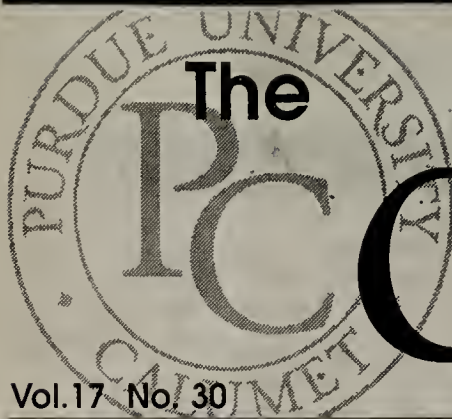




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SGA disbands

Student Government to restructure focus during the fall semester

DAREN SAMPLAWSKI
Copy Editor

In a move to achieve the ultimate reform, the Student Government Association will temporarily disband due to the controversy surrounding the recent election.

When the terms of the current SGA officers expire May 23, the organization will cease to exist. However, the university administration and the SGA agreed to postpone the elections for the second time this semester and disband the SGA until valid elections can be held in September.

New elections were scheduled for May 5 and 6, according to an article published in the Chronicle on May 3. An appeal of the administration's decision to declare the April election invalid, and time constraints involved with organizing new elections, were given as the reason for the latest changes in the election process.

Disbanding the government for the summer will

not affect students because the SGA does not usually conduct much business during the summer semester, Michelle Verduzco, director of Student Leadership Development, said. The Student Service Fee Allocation Committee that SGA members attend and contribute suggestions to, will not meet again until after the new elections next fall, she said.

Disbanding the SGA may have a negative impact, Amy Croston, president of the SGA said.

"Valuable organizing time in the summer will be lost," Croston said.

A new election committee is being formed by the current SGA to re-establish election procedures prior to the end of the current semester, Verduzco said.

These most recent changes in the SGA are symptoms of larger problems within the association.

Disagreements between the SGA and the administration on issues such as the disbursement of student government funds and the role that the university

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VP of finance resigns post

DAREN SAMPLAWSKI
Copy Editor

Amid the controversy surrounding the invalid Student Government Association election, Joe Robles, SGA vice president of finance, resigned his position on May 5.

In his resignation letter Robles said his integrity had been questioned and he did not want to continue to serve. In a telephone interview, Robles refused to discuss how his

integrity had been questioned.

"I felt it was time to pursue other activities that I need to accomplish," Robles said. He declined to state what those activities were.

Although Robles resigned, he left open the possibility of future involvement in SGA.

"I would still like to be involved," Robles said, adding that any specific future with the organization is uncertain.

Michelle Verduzco, director

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Renovations disrupt activity in SFLC

JASON DANANAY
Staff Writer

At a time when most students strapped on their thinking caps, construction workers put on their hard hats and continued renovation on the SFLC.

Kelly McFadden, a sophomore at PUC, spends more than six hours a week studying in the SFLC

concourse. As final exams approached, McFadden experienced difficulty studying for her exams. McFadden also expressed concern because the noise could be heard in the library.

"I try to study but there are all these guys pounding, drilling and yelling over the noise. It is kind of distracting, especially during finals time," McFadden said.

The \$740,000 renovation of the SFLC may continue through the fall semester, Mike Kull, director of physical facilities, said. The plan originally included the expansion of the cafeteria, an elevator and the construction of an information desk at the south end of the building. New plans introduced may push back the plan to have renovation completed by the end of this year, Kull said.

The renovations include the installation of a new elevator to accommodate handicapped students. Additional seating and window installation to the north end of the dining room, the relocation of the information center and the construction of a circular driveway are the

new phases of renovation that will occur within this year.

The plans for the SFLC building include the installation of glass windows on the north side of the dining room overlooking Founder's Plaza. Along with the view of Founder's Plaza, the university plans to expand the dining room seating by more than 100 seats, Robert Moyer, facilities and special projects manager, said. Wes Lukoshus, director of university relations, said the expansion is necessary because of the steady increase in enrollment. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., students circle this area looking for seats, Lukoshus said.

The university planned to use the area at the south end of the building to serve as the information center. A recent meeting between members of administration and information center employees led to a decision to remove the desk from the north end of the building. The information desk will be located next to the Purdue Employees Federal Credit Union in the vending area near the cafeteria of the SFLC. Before the information center's relocation, six telephones and an automatic teller machine must be removed. The ATM will be

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Playing it by ear



Photo by Marti Trgovich

Taking some time to relax after finals, junior Tim Piniak plays his acoustic guitar in Founder's Plaza.

Class of '99 graduates Sunday

PUC PRESS RELEASE

A spring graduating class of 687 and a Hammond businessman will be honored when PUC holds its 38th commencement exercises in the SFLC parking lot Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

More than 400 associate, bachelor's and master's degree candidates are expected to participate in the 33rd annual spring graduation

ceremonies. The spring class is comprised of 213 associate degree candidates, 384 prospective bachelor's degree recipients and 90 master's degree candidates.



Calvin E. Bellamy

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Photo by Marti Trgovich

Danger signs and fences have become commonplace around SFLC, as certain entrances and exits are blocked on the lower level.

PUC's 38th Commencement will be Sunday, May 23, at 1:30 p.m., in the SFLC parking lot.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE



A degree that works for you

Today's Commencement marks a milestone of sorts.

The 687 candidates in line to receive degrees join graduates from last fall and summer in pushing the number of degrees awarded to the Purdue Calumet Class of '99 to more than 1,250.

No greater number of degrees has been awarded to a Purdue Calumet graduating class.

When one stops to ponder the effect the Class of '99's nearly 400 associate, 700+ baccalaureate and nearly 170 master's degrees figure to have on the greater Northwest Indiana area, it is rather awesome.

And if history is a worthy barometer, today's graduates will find their Purdue Calumet education extremely beneficial to them.

Satisfaction proof

As part of the university's on-going, quality improvement initiative, we regularly survey our students and alumni about the quality of education they feel they have received. During the past year, we surveyed alumni who were four, seven and 10 years out of school. Their responses indicated:

- 97 percent believe their Purdue Calumet education is as good as or better than that of alumni from other schools;
- 93 percent consider their Purdue Calumet education "effective" or "very effective" preparing them for further education;
- 88 percent contend their Purdue Calumet education has been "effective" or "very effective" preparing them to adapt to changes in the work place.

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They persevered when it seemed as though there were not enough hours in a day to satisfy the demands of their multi-faceted life.

Was it worth it? Our alumni think so.

At a glance around campus

Psychology honor society induction

Eleven students were inducted into the PUC chapter of Psi Chi, the national honor society in psychology, March 27 in a ceremony conducted by chapter president Becky Erenberg and other officers. The students inducted were: Marcus T. LaSota, Theresa Russell, LaKeshia T. Comer, Sandra Moran, Jazaer H. Fouad-Farrar, Linda Lesson, Carol M. Allen, Angel Jez, Linda S. Pitcher, Rachel Mestrovich and Penny J. Wilson-O'Neal. Dr. David Pick, PUC behavioral science department, presented the opening remarks. The purpose of the organization is to encourage, stimulate and maintain excellence in scholarship and to advance the science of psychology. The faculty adviser for Psi Chi is Dr. Anne Edwards.

Grant available to humanities graduate student

Students who will be degree-seeking PUC graduate students in the humanities during the 1999-2000 academic year may now submit applications for the John S. Tucker Graduate Research Award to Marcia Gordon in LAWS-308. The award of approximately \$1,500 may be applied to research expenses. Applications should include a letter of application, a project proposal, a short biographical sketch, two letters of recommendation attesting to the significance of the project, a proposed budget and the name of the faculty adviser who will direct the applicant's research. The application deadline is July 1. The recipient will be notified by August 15. For more information, call Gordon at Ext. 2257.

Three grants available for graduate students

Students who will be degree-seeking PUC graduate students in any graduate degree program in either the fall 1999 or the spring 2000 semester may now submit applications for research grants to Marcia Gordon in LAWS-308. Applications should include a letter of application, a project proposal, a short biographical sketch, two letters of recommendation attesting to the significance of the project and the name of the faculty adviser who will direct the applicant's research. The three awards of

\$750 each may be applied to research expenses. The application deadline is July 1. Recipients will be notified by August 15. For more information, call Gordon at Ext. 2257.

Bicycling club opportunities

The Calumet Crank Club is gearing up for its 18th season of bicycling and is looking for new members interested in riding for recreation or for fitness. The major rides are on weekends at various locations throughout northwest Indiana and feature some of the area's prettiest countryside and lake views. Recent weekend rides include: Westville to Kingsford Heights (34 miles), Chesterton to Washington Twp. (35 miles) and Lakeshore Visitors Center to New Buffalo (40 miles). Rides are also held throughout the week at various locations and distances. For more information, visit www.bicycling.org, e-mail tfairbairn@compuserve.com or call (219) 923-6691 or (219) 762-2208.

Drop-in center opens

The Engineering, Math and Science Mentoring Drop-in Center in GYTE-148, Ext. 2468, is now open.

Salvation Army seeks volunteers

The Hammond/Munster Corps of the Salvation Army at 8225 Columbia Ave. is seeking volunteers for its social services, feeding, food distribution, youth, senior citizens and emergency disaster programs. For more information, call Shirley Fehring at (219) 923-0574.

Chronicle seeking student employees

The Chronicle currently has several positions open and will be taking applications through the summer and fall for those terms. Positions available are sports editor, advertising representatives, business representatives and production assistants. If interested, contact Marti or Lauren at the Chronicle office located on the third floor of SFLC, room 344-H, or call the office at 989-2547.

Positions will also be available for promotions, web, editorial and human resources departments soon.

Quote of the week

'Life is change. Growth is optional. Choose wisely.'

- Karen Kaiser Clark

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last fall and summer, the entire class of '99 totals 1,267.

The spring commencement includes the awarding of an honorary doctoral degree to Munster resident and Hammond native Calvin E. Bellamy, chairman and CEO of Bank Calumet and a long-time supporter and confidante of PUC. Bellamy is recognized for enhancing Northwest Indiana through his involvement and ser-

vice.

PUC President Steven C. Beering will confer degrees and address the candidates and audience.

PUC Chancellor James Yackel also will offer remarks. Offering the traditional "response" on behalf of the class of '99 is Jaime Cavazos of Hammond. The 23-year-old honor student and first generation college degree candidate is a history major who has been active in campus activities.

Renovations

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moved across from the credit union and telephones will be relocated to other locations, according to Lukoshus. The information center is temporarily located on the third floor of the SFLC in Room 305.

Noise from large crowds at the south end of the SFLC made it almost impossible for the information center employees to conduct business over the telephone, Lukoshus said. A security factor also contributed to the decision to move the information desk. The workers worried about things being stolen when they left the desk, he said.

Dorothy Barrett, an information clerk at the center, believes the south end of the SFLC would be a risky place to put the center. "I wouldn't feel safe there. Anybody could walk in there. It is wide open," Barrett said.

A row of tables on the south wall of the SFLC building was removed to make room for a new entrance. A set of doors will be removed on the north side of the building to accommodate the use of the new elevator installed. The new entrance on the south side of the building will provide students with an additional entrance when entering from the parking lot.

The new elevator will be located between the two sets of doors at the north end of the building. The SFLC already has an elevator, but this elevator originally served as a way to transport freight up to the three floors of SFLC, Lukoshus said. The new elevator offers another way for disabled individuals to get to the library, third floor classrooms and Alumni Hall. The long waiting period for an elevator also motivated the university to install a new elevator, he said.

The outside of the SFLC building will take on a new look after the renovation. A circular driveway



Photo by Marti Trgovich

A room is being added on to the north end of the SFLC next to Founder's Plaza.

leading to the south entrance of the building should be completed by the fall semester, Kull said. The circular driveway will allow students to be dropped off at the door in cases of extreme weather conditions. The driveway benefits those who cannot walk from the parking lot to the entrance, Kull said. A canopy over the south entrance will be added after the completion of the circular driveway.

Gene Sullivan, director of facilities planning and scheduling, said the circular driveway and canopy will be the last phase of the SFLC renovation project.

The circular driveway's construction begins this summer, but likely will not be completed until after the fall semester, Sullivan said.

The university understands the complaints of the students. The major construction occurs between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., Lukoshus said, which left students with a relatively quiet learning environment during finals time.

Disbands

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administration played in the past operation of the SGA may have affected the way the university handled the failed election process, Croston said.

The administration must respect the job that SGA officers do and realize that SGA members must meet academic and economic responsibilities in addition to running student government, Croston said.

Croston admits that problems have occurred within the SGA and she doesn't want to focus the blame on the administration alone.

"Students in the SGA need to take the job seriously," Croston said, but refused to discuss specific problems.

She added, however, that PUC students also need to take the SGA more seriously.

Funding disagreements had no bearing on the administration's decision, said Verduzco.

In a letter to the editor in today's issue of the Chronicle, Verduzco describes the attempts made by the administration to build a closer relationship with SGA.

"On a Sunday afternoon, Nov. 22, 1998 (of the same weekend as my initial meeting with the Chronicle), I met with the SGA. I gave the same presentation, made the same pledge and offer of support, I distinctly remember saying that it was my desire to help the SGA establish a solid foundation that could be built upon from one year to the next ... For the remainder of the semester, I really didn't hear from the SGA," Verduzco said.

Changes in training and election procedures are being considered, Verduzco said.

The OSLD requested that SGA incorporate electronic voting through the Internet for the fall election, Verduzco said.

In an attempt to cultivate leadership in the SGA and all student organizations, the OSLD will offer a student organization retreat this summer and a training seminar in the fall, Verduzco said.

In an effort to specifically address problems in SGA election procedures, OSLD will conduct a candidate training school before elections take place. The OSLD also contacted faculty members in PUC's political science department regarding development of an intensive adviser relationship between SGA and the department, Verduzco said.

While the controversy surrounding the failed election illustrates problems within the SGA, the university administration and SGA appear to agree on the mission of student government.

Both sides said that the SGA must determine the needs of the student body, communicate those needs to the administration and work together to serve the best interests of PUC students.

"The SGA should serve as liaison between the student body and the administration," Leo Bryant, dean of students, said.

Both the SGA and the university expressed the desire to resolve problems relating to student government.

"If postponing the election will make people feel better about the results, then I support it," Croston said.

"I again offer my assistance ... and support to current and future SGA and other student organizations," Verduzco said.

"If postponing the election will make people feel better about the results, then I support it."

Amy Croston,
SGA President

Resigns

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of the Office of Student Leadership Development, expressed regret at his resignation during this critical point in the history of SGA.

"The decision to invalidate the election had no reflection on him. I am sorry that he was hurt by the election decision. I hope he would reconsider working with

SGA in the future," she said.

Amy Croston, president of SGA, suggested that Robles may have been disappointed with the recent election difficulties.

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Year in review

We would like to take this opportunity to remind students of the vast changes made during the 1998-1999 school year, specifically in the spring semester, and how proud these changes should make us of our campus. Also, graduates can look back on their final year and know they weren't the only ones working hard.

The technology department spent countless hours making our lives easier on campus. We can access email online now from anywhere with an Internet connection using webmail instead of logging on to archaic Telnet. PCSTAR, a website added this semester, permits online credit card tuition payments. Just after we learned how to transfer credits online with the equivalency system we welcomed a new login system for campus computers, adding extra security for the individual as well as university equipment. Safety for the individual was also increased with the addition of campus security cameras to the tops of all our buildings, including the new CLO building on the north side of campus. But the new additions to our campus didn't stop there, the university expanded into south Lake County with the Georgia Street Learning Center, PUC's fourth off-campus building, and the expansion continues still with the new elevator and cafeteria expansion in SFLC. Perhaps the grandest addition to our campus is the Challenger Center in the PER building. Children from all across the region are now able to visit our campus to visit space, in a simulator of course.

We were witness to several humanitarian efforts on campus also. Several student organizations like SGA and the Letter Club joined efforts with administrators like Kathleen Tobin to aid Hurricane Mitch victims which raised \$300 and 5,000 pounds of clothing. The Administrative and Professional Staff Advisory Committee sponsored a book drive just before Christmas for Hammond children in need. Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority sponsored a scholarship in memorial of murdered PUC student Cynthia R. Gomez. Students bought more yogurt than usual for the support of breast cancer research by collecting pink yoplait lids.

And as if an indicator of what was to come, SGA president Kristen Lemos resigned the second week of the Fall semester. The group continuously took blows and stumbled over itself until its ultimate demise under the presidency Amy Croston, Lemos' replacement.

This semester was filled with extraordinary events, unfortunately they all can't be mentioned here. As new administrators took over in the beginning of the year, like Michelle Verduzco, others left at the end, like Bill Robinson. New mentoring programs are making student's lives easier, while budget cuts made life more difficult for others. We had a job fair, a majors fair, we saw polymers as art, a student forum that answered questions and we received assurance that Y2K will not send our computers into spasms. Conferences on campus celebrated literature, women and Black history. We survived another blizzard like snow and several additions to our curriculum. And like icing on the cake, PUC issued a poster in the South Shore Line new series capturing PUC—students, technology, and books surrounded by nature.

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Guest commentary

SGA can be led to water...

The last issue of the Chronicle featured an editorial to which I feel the need to respond. As I see it, two issues need clarification. First, the editorial indicated that the Vice Chancellor for Student Services and Dean of Students is the adviser to the Student Government Association (SGA). Let me begin by saying that although that relationship is official on paper, the Vice Chancellor for Student Services has delegated responsibility for the day-to-day advisement/operations with SGA and the Chronicle to me. I openly acknowledge and accept that arrangement and did not shirk my responsibility in this regard. Secondly, I'd like to discuss the offers for assistance that were made specifically to SGA and generally to all student organizations. I would like to also mention the programming and services that have been offered since last November when I became the director of Student Leadership Development.

On the evening of Friday, November 20, 1998, I met with the Chronicle staff to introduce myself and discuss the increased programming and services that would be developed and offered by the (then named) Office of Student Activities, I pledged my and my office's support to the people and work of the Chronicle and invited the staff to call upon me whenever they needed assistance. I believe that that meeting six months ago was the beginning of what has become a good and productive relationship with the Chronicle staff and operation.

I am proud of what the Chronicle has accomplished these past couple of years under Chris Kosovich and Lauren Mathew's editorships, with Dave Fanno as adviser, and I look forward to helping the future Chronicle leaders and staff. When I walk into that office, it is always abuzz with activity and when I call the Chronicle looking for someone in particular, if that person is not in the office, I am generally told when he/she will return. The person sought typically returns my call in a short time or personally stops in my office. In other words, the

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Letter to the editor

Former member thinks SGA a joke

The student body at PUC is already aware of troubles with SGA, but the vast majority have no idea what it's history is. Likely the same with *The Chronicle*. I spent time with both organizations in the 80's and there is history there... also some bad blood.

The administration wants a positive image, hence *The Chronicle* exists. The administration also wants controversy; hence student government exists, renewed every few years with an alleged new image.

In fact, student government at PUC is a joke and my adversaries in 1986-87 made the point when they flew to the east coast for a national meeting of student government organizations.

Rob Hanus, president, and Chris Hoogeveen, vice president, left campus bound for the convention at the cost of approximately \$2000, paid for by the students. It is likely not common knowledge that they arrived at night with no room reservations

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The people speak

Question of the Week: Do you think PUC has adequately prepared you for your career after graduation?

Sasko Pavloski
 senior, computer programming

"Yes. This school has classes that prepare you for the demands of the computer field."



Answon Churchwell
 sophomore, finance

"Yes. But the only way I can assure that is to double major in accounting. A lot of things in the business world require accounting knowledge."



Anne Olson
 graduate student, education

"Yes. The education department is good. The instructors are available to talk to you about the future. They tell you about job opportunities. My undergraduate school (Aurora University) didn't do any of this."



Jeffrey Myers
 senior, psychology/sociology

"To a point. I like the way they have the placement center in SFLC. People don't adequately use it. The school should do more to promote the facility because it helps you find employment after school."



Christos Kounelis
 junior, industrial management

"No. I think this school is horrible. It's not like a university. It feels more like a high school. Half the stuff they teach you here you won't need in real life."



Renea Vania-Tomczak
 senior, public relations

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Susie Boyle, 23, is a single mom of a 4-year-old, a full time A-student, a part-time employee in the university registration office and on her way to law school.

The Munster resident is a candidate to receive a bachelor's degree in psychology. Boyle, a recipient of scholarships to attend law school at Valparaiso University, has worked hard to get good grades. She also received merit scholarships at PUC, is on the Dean's List, and is a student ambassador.

"I'm really focused."
 Susie Boyle
 psychology

"It's a lot of work -- a lot of study," Boyle said. "I'm really focused."

One thing that keeps her focused is her commitment to her daughter, Savannah.

"If I succeed, I'm succeeding for the both of us."

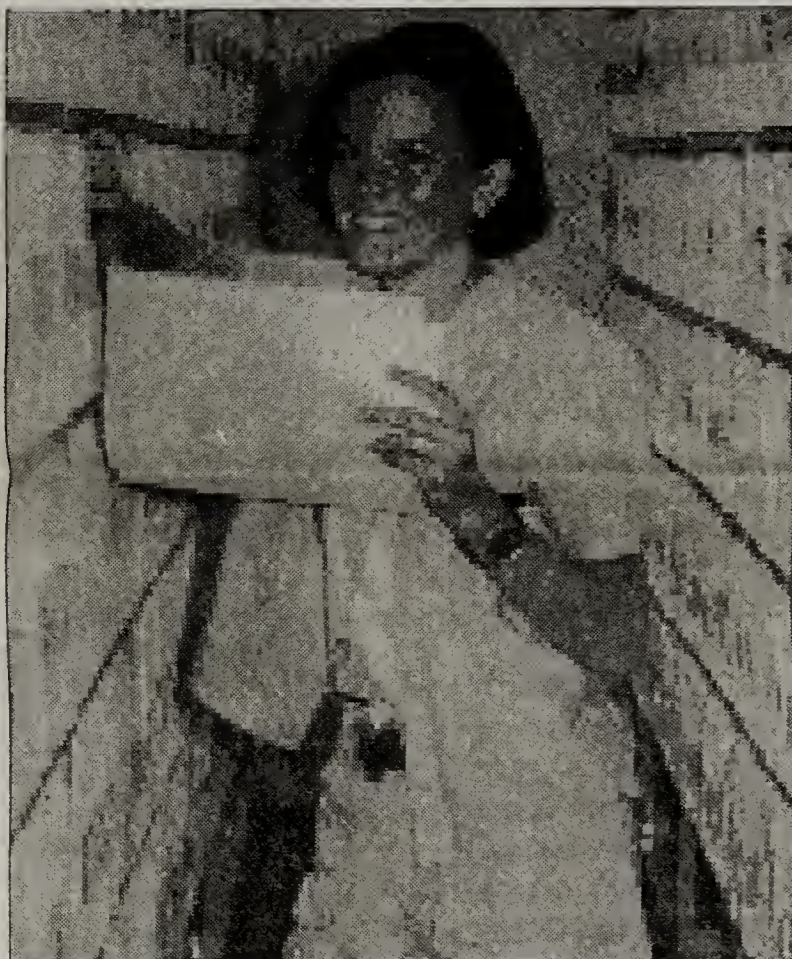


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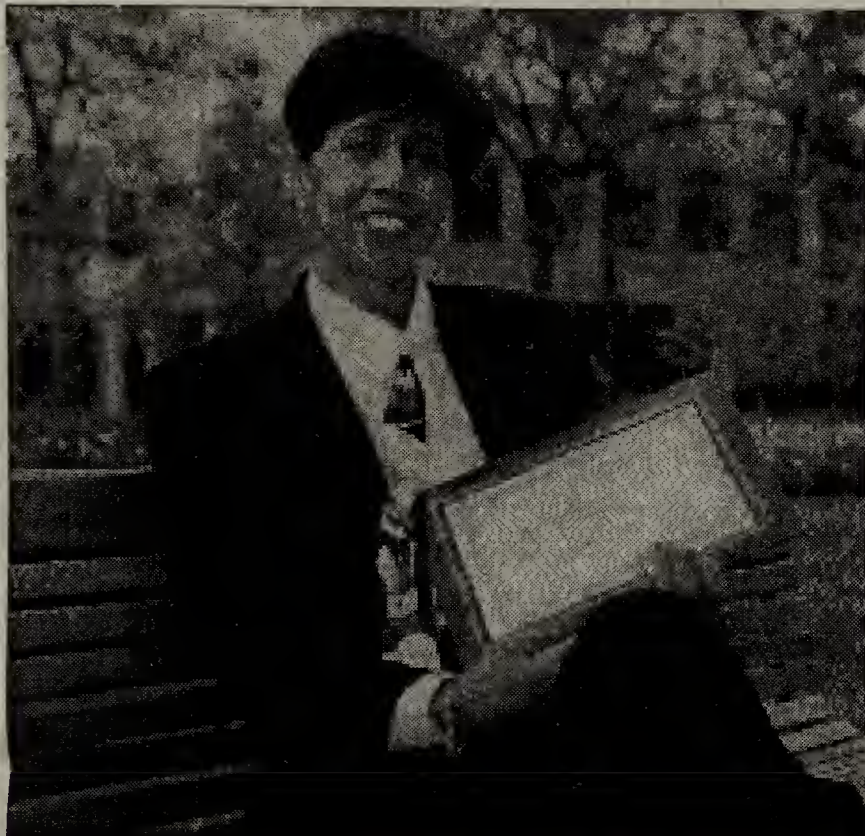


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Spotlight
on...

Betty
Young

"I love
working with
children."

Betty Young
Elementary
education

Betty Young, a 55-year-old Gary resident is a candidate to receive a bachelor's degree in elementary education, with a reading endorsement.

Young's work in education includes serving as a pre-school teacher at the Learning Tree Day Care Center in Gary in the 1970s. In the 1980s, she served as a math and reading tutor at various Gary schools including West Side High School. In the mid-1990s, she became a computer lab technician at West Side. After serving as a first grade student teacher at Washington Elementary in East

Chicago last year, she landed a job teaching fourth and fifth graders with visual impairments at Melton Elementary in Gary.

According to Young, she is extremely happy with her teaching job at Melton.

"I love it. I love it. I love it," she said. "I love working with children. I love the staff. I love the principal."

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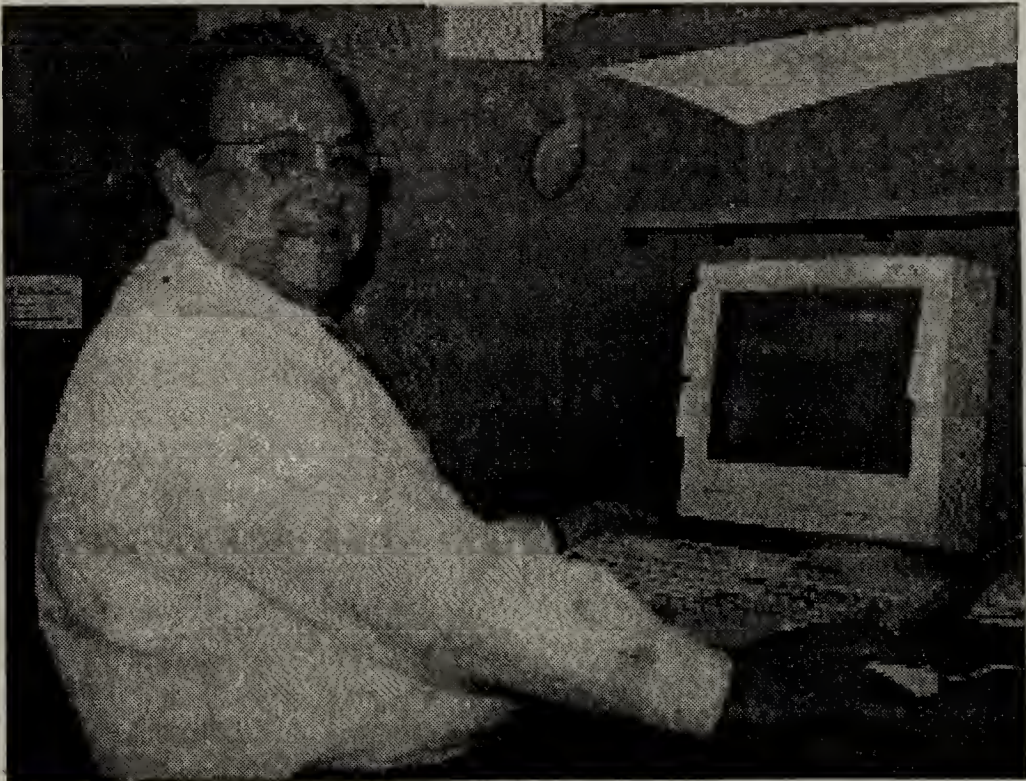


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Spotlight
on...

Hector
Garcia

Thirty-three years after high school, Hector Garcia decided he didn't want to be a steel-worker forever, so he enrolled in college.

That was 1991. Today, the 58-year-old East Chicago resident is a candidate to receive a bachelor's degree in Spanish with emphasis in International studies and a minor in human resources management.

"I knew I needed to make a change in careers," Garcia said. "I didn't want to stay in the mills until I was 65. I knew I needed to go back to school for a career change."

Garcia, who worked 30 years at Inland Steel, retired in 1993. He then attended PUC as a full time student. According to Garcia, his work background has complemented his school experiences.

"I didn't want to stay in the mills until I was 65. I knew I needed to make career change."

Hector Garcia
Spanish

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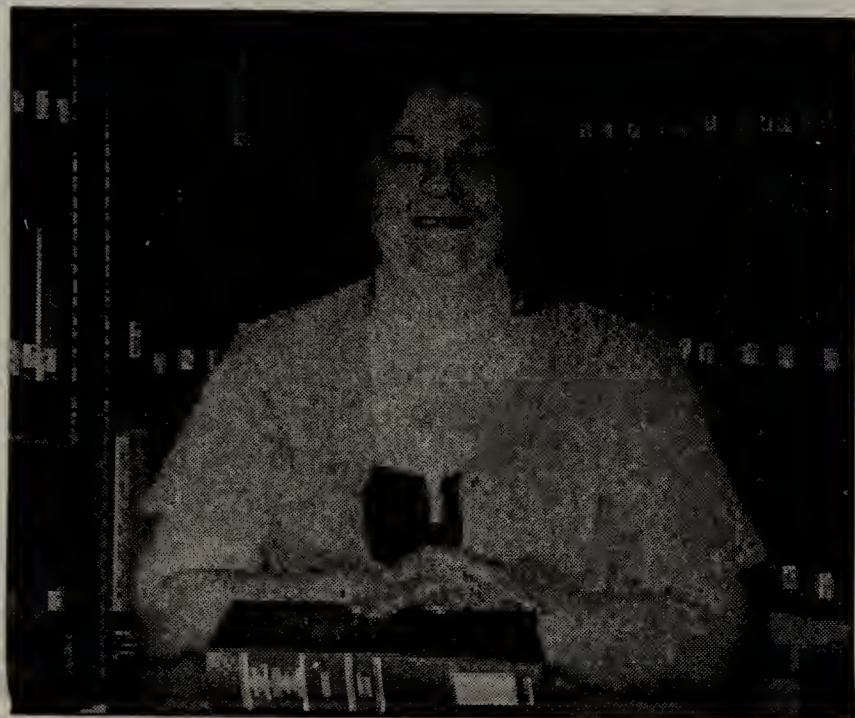


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Spotlight on... Tammy Guerrero

Tammy Guerrero is happy to be receiving her degree, but her kids are thrilled. They're getting their mom back.

The 38-year-old Hobart resident and Gary native is a candidate to receive a bachelor's degree in history. Guerrero has been busy with her full-time job and part-time school.

"It's a sacrifice because you don't see your kids enough, but I hope I'm setting a good example."

Tammy Guerrero
 History

"You don't have a social life," the divorced mother of three girls said. "You don't sleep much. It's a sacrifice because you don't see your kids enough, but I hope I'm setting a good example. I'm rising above. My self-esteem has improved. It's really rewarding."

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Joke

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made and had to call back for help.

Compliments of Patty Crane, Larry Crawford's secretary in the dean of students office, they coordinated a bail out plan using her personal funds.

Upon their alleged successful journey and return, Rob Hanus resigned, in part because he saw that compared to quite successful organizations nationally, what passed for student government at PUC was a joke.

It was a joke before he was president, while he was president

and has apparently stayed that way after he resigned. Neither to his nor anyone else's fault, except perhaps the administration.

A successful student government would be respected by the university fathers, and as such would be reflective of the student body. I suggest they treat student government as a joke with intent to deceive, holding the hands that pay them just a bit too tightly. This perpetuates annual comments such as "PUC is nothing but a glorified high school".

Ronald Jewell

Former SGA member

PUC Class of 1986

Getting a "handle" on final exams

Senior Heather Penn, (left) and Skye Enyeart, perform a handle during their improvisational theatre final exam. The class showcased the skills they learned during the semester in front of a small audience.

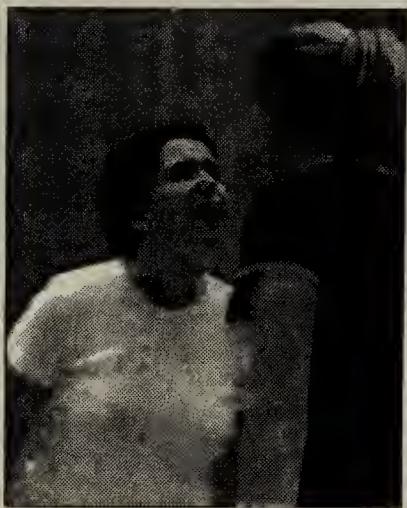


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SGA

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Chronicle Office and staff operate in a professional manner.

On Sunday afternoon, November 22, 1998 (of the same weekend as my initial meeting with the Chronicle), I met with the SGA. I gave the same presentation, made the same pledge and offer of support. I distinctly remember saying that it was my desire to help the SGA establish a solid foundation that could be built upon from one year to the next. After nineteen years on the PUC campus, I've seen many Student Government administrations come and go. I said that I didn't want to see them and future officers and senates have to start at ground zero, year after year. For the remainder of the semester, I really didn't hear from the SGA.

This spring, the Office of Student Leadership Development (OSLD) went about the business of setting a departmental mission and goals and offering bi-weekly leadership training and monthly student organization training meetings. Although invited along with all other student organizations, SGA members did not participate in the emerging leaders training on Friday afternoons (with the exception of Joe Robles).

I became increasingly aware of internal conflict and other problems going on within SGA. Officers and members were resigning on a fairly regular basis and it did not appear as if anything was being accomplished. Typically, the SGA office was closed or there was only one person in the office. I left a few phone messages for the student government president, Amy Croston, but she was typically not in, people could not inform me when she would be in, and my calls were not returned. On more than a couple of occasions, when Croston came into the office to drop off paperwork, I again

expressed a desire to work with SGA. I also specifically inquired about SGA's goals for the year and was told that "she had been asking people in SGA to give her goals so she could compile them, but the members of SGA weren't providing them."

The recent Chronicle editorial stated that SGA "have not been given goal accomplishing tools." Back in January, it was obvious to me that SGA needed help with team building, conflict resolution and goal setting. At the beginning of the semester, I had asked Croston if I could have our University training specialist, Colleen Robison, come in to work with SGA on these areas in need of development. I had already asked Robison's permission to offer her services and she had expressed a willingness to do so. Croston informed me that SGA had received some team building training from staff in the Fitness Center. I told her that I felt these trainers did a good job, but that it might be beneficial to provide more intensive assessment and training for the group. Again, my offer was not taken up.

I had also asked Chris Kosovich, former-editor-in-chief for the Chronicle and OSLD staff member, to talk with Croston about how he and other members of his Chronicle staff had built the Chronicle up from a time when it was not operating as a strong and productive team. I felt that I wasn't getting anywhere in trying to work with Croston and had hoped that perhaps she would be able to relate better to a fellow coed and student leader. Aside from that meeting in my office, there was no continued dialogue between Croston and Kosovich who may have been able to provide additional assistance and insight.

On the same occasion, I told Croston that I wanted to have regular meetings with her to stay up on SGA needs and activities. With one exception, she never

met with me. On this singular, self-initiated visit by Croston and Jaime Cavazos, the two requested authorization to use money in the SGA executive budget that had been earmarked to cover the cost of administering a student survey to assess how students wanted their student service fees allocated. The two were asking to use this \$2000 to travel to a conference in Florida in April, which was near the end of their SGA term. The conference was a student leadership conference, although

neither had attended any of the leadership training on campus. I informed them that the use of this money for this purpose was inappropriate. The survey in question was the only clearly prescriptive responsibility in SGA's budget and as mentioned in the Chronicle editorial has not been done by this SGA administration. When I asked the two why the survey was not being conducted, they informed me, they "were too busy."

This meeting and travel request caused me to have to seriously question these SGA officers' discretion, leadership and fiscal responsibility. Their poor handling of the recently invalidated SGA election didn't improve that impression. But the most damaging impression about these two SGA officers has been made in the wake of the April elections. Rather than admit that the elections had been poorly conducted, they have chosen to accept no responsibility for their mistakes and have instead attempted to make the administration out to be the "bad guys." Everyone makes mistakes, mistakes provide the

opportunity for reflection, improvement and growth. But refusal to accept responsibilities pretty much guarantees the probability of repeating unnecessary future mistakes.

This Office also made mistakes. The first was trying to quickly rush another election. The intent was to ensure that students and nominees had the opportunity to a fair and valid election before the semester ended. The second was not seeking input on how to "correct" the botched

election, from SGA representatives other than Croston, Cavazos, Robles and Kimbrell. Based upon a recommendation brought forward from Lorrell Kilpatrick on behalf of the SGA senate, the election has been moved to the fall and the guidelines for this election will be developed by SGA.

In the past six months, the OSLD has extended its hours, increased its student staffing, made office materials and forms more readily available to students, added programs and services that benefit SGA and other student organizations and improved its website. The Office has a great deal more plans for improvement and expanded programming. The OSLD will offer a student organization retreat this summer, a student organization training seminar in the fall, a candidate training school prior to SGA elections in the fall, a credit bearing leaders course, is developing a community service program, coordinating new student and extended student orientation and is developing a student planner, etc. All of these efforts are

Survey says PUC graduates well prepared for success

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A recent survey claims that PUC students are just as prepared — if not more prepared — for their careers as students from other universities.

In a study completed last October by the Office of Evaluation and Planning, 89 percent of PUC graduates surveyed

said the university has effectively prepared them for their careers. In contrast, a Career Education Corp. survey claims that nationally, about 75 percent of graduates do not think their college prepared them for jobs after graduation.

"We've always had very high rankings," said C. Clifton Chancey, the chair of the Academic Assessment Advisory Committee. "The results have

been in keeping with the last year."

The office distributes the survey every other year, he added, to those who graduated four, seven and 10 years ago. Last year, more than 2,300 surveys were sent out, and just fewer than 1,000 graduates responded.

The survey had a 42 percent response rate, which is very good compared to the national rate, Chancey said.

1998 Alumni Survey Results

From Career Educ. Corp. Survey:
Did your post-secondary education prepare you for your career field?
34.2% said "not very well"
41.7% said "not at all"

How effective was Purdue Calumet in preparing you for further education?
30% said "very effective"
63% said "effective"

From the Purdue Cal Alumni Survey:
How effective was Purdue Calumet in preparing you for employment?
35% said "very effective"
54% said "effective"

As you compare yourself to with alumni from other schools, how good was the education you received at Purdue Calumet?
32% said "better"
65% said "equal"

intended to help students. Specific to SGA, I have personally spoken with Political Science faculty members regarding providing more intensive advising to SGA. They have indicated a willingness to do so.

I would like to be able to say that the OSLD was as effective in working with SGA this past semester as it was in working with the Chronicle, but we obviously were not. I don't feel that it was for lack of trying or lack of making the offer to assist and support. I'd also like to say that the 1998-99 SGA accomplished a great deal, but I think Jaime Cavazos' comment at the recent student awards banquet was correct, SGA "hit rock bottom" this year. I hope to never hear an SGA officer make that statement again.

To this end, as I did at the beginning of my job as director of the OSLD, I again offer my and the OSLD's assistance and support to current and future SGA and other student organizations. I think the Chronicle will attest to OSLD's continued willingness to assist whenever asked and sometimes without being asked. The OSLD does not intend to force itself upon any student group, and unfortunately, will not be able to assist students or groups that flat-out, don't want its assistance. However, we will repeatedly inform students and student organizations about the services and programs offered by the OSLD and we hope that many will take us up on this offer.

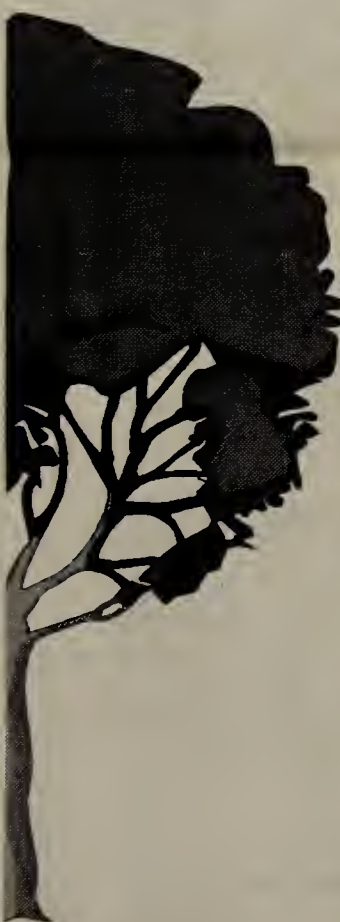
This Office will continuously expand and improve its services and programs. Most importantly, our genuine desire and purpose is to build leadership within the student population at Purdue Calumet. We can only do that, if as a student or student group, you share this desire and purpose.

The views stated above are those of the Director of Student Leadership Development.

Experience summer!

Local events provide excitement and fun

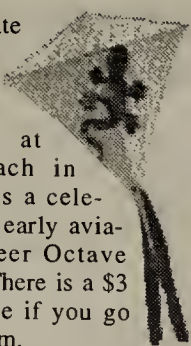
For nine to 10 months out of the year, students are cooped up like helpless chickens in classrooms and study sessions. Unfortunately, the outside world is easily forgotten. Finally, school is over and it's time to do cool stuff again. Here's the lowdown on what the Region is offering from now until August when (dread) we hit the books again.



Experience nature or go through the park one day

Go fly a kite from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m.

May 28 at West Beach in Miller. It's a celebration of early aviation pioneer Octave Chanute. There is a \$3 parking fee if you go before 6 p.m.



Visit Bailey Homestead and Chellberg Farm, located on Mineral Springs Road between Highway 20 and 12, two miles west of Highway 49. Their open house is jam packed with recreations of Swedish settlers' lives, circa 1899. Among other aspects of early Northwest Indiana life, you can also see Potawatomi Indians trade furs with pioneers. The farm is open and feeding time for the animals is 4 p.m. Enjoy walking the trails. And visit the historical cemetery. Don't forget to ask about the tapping of the maple trees in the fall, it's a fabulous time for all, and the syrup is delicious. For more information, call 219-926-7561.

Porter County has lots to offer this time of year, mainly because that's home to the Dunes National Lakeshore and parks. But what's a little trek into another county when there's fun to be had?

Diana of the Dunes Festival is located in downtown Chesterton at Calumet and Broadway. On June 5 and 6, the town holds its annual celebration of a local legend. Included are a 5K race, food and craft booths and other entertainment. Hours are Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Indiana Dunes State Park (on I-49) hosts the Coca-Cola/sand sculpture contest on July 10. There is no admission charge. Just pay the parking fee: \$2.50 for in-state, \$5.00 for out of state. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

Sunset Hill Farm County Park Gaelic Fest celebrates Scottish and Irish heritages with dance competitions, music, food, beer and crafts on July 17. Admission is \$5. The fest goes from noon to 6 p.m. Sunset Park is located at Meridian Road and U.S. Highway 6 between Chesterton and Valparaiso.

Porter County Fair takes place at the Porter County Expo Center and Fairgrounds July 23-31. Admission for adults is \$3, children 10 to 15 years old \$1, and those under 10 get in free. The fair grounds are located at 215 East Division Road on I-49 in Valparaiso.

Take in Sweet Home Chicago

Everyone in the Region knows that Chicago is the place to go for sweaty summer fun, and also has plenty of places to run and hide from stinky people playing in the sweaty summer sun.

Brookfield Zoo is the place for animal mayhem and insect celebration. For more information about any of the following, call (708) 485-0263, ext. 879.



The Rhythm and Roots Festival highlights human cultures behind some of Brookfield Zoo's popular exhibits. The summer long festival features live music, dance, crafts, food and folktales from all around the world.

Evenings in the Wild is a party into the night when the zoo stays open until 8:30 on weekends in July. Celebrate the opening of the Dragonfly Marsh and Water Festival Aug. 14 and 15 with fun-filled activities. The new wetland exhibit adjacent to the Indian Lake will feature a sedge meadow, wet mesic prairie and two deep pools.



You can have an Underground Adventure at the Field Museum by traveling through 15,000 square-foot total immersion environment. Walk through the underground soil ecosystem and check out fungi, bugs and worms. Add \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and \$2 for children ages 3-17, students and teachers to the general admission price.

The Tibetan Art of Healing is a collection of 50 paintings illustrating one of the world's oldest surviving medical traditions. Opening weekend will host activities that educate audiences about the ancient art. The exhibit at the Field Museum opens June 26 and runs through Sept. 12.

She's big, she's dead and if a tooth falls out of her skull, you'll die. She is the largest, most complete tyrannosaurus rex ever found. "Sue: The Inside Story" is open through Jan. 3 at the Field Museum. It's free with museum admission.

The Art Institute of Chicago opens new exhibits this summer. For starters, there is "From Sketch to Sculpture by Keith Haring." The exhibit runs through Sept. 12. The sculptures will be on display on the lawn of the museum with an interior exhibit explaining how the late artist progressed to his completed work.

Bring on the Night (Bring in da Noise)

Chicago's only remaining worthy radio station, 93.1 WXRT, hosts two fireworks shows this summer. On May 29, beginning at 9:30 p.m., the station will broadcast from Chicago's Skyline Stage. Fireworks follow the 6:30 p.m. XRT concert. XRT also shoots off the hi-tech fireworks on July 4. Check www.wxrt.com for details to come.

The 16th Annual Chicago Blues Festival will be held in Grant Park, June 3 through 6. This year's lineup includes Lynne Jordan, Henry Townsend and Fruteland Jackson, among others. The show is all day and free for all ages.

The 1999 Guinness Fleadh Festival will showcase the talents of Lucinda Williams, Elvis Costello, Shawn Mullins, The Drovers, Shane MacGowan and many others. It starts at 11 a.m. and continues until 11 p.m. at Chicago Motor Speedway at Sportsman Park on June 12.

Dave Matthews tickets are still on sale for the June 14 and 15 shows at the New World Music Theater in Tinley Park, Ill.



And to wrap up summer music festivals, Lilith Fair will be making its final stop near Chicago at the New World Music Theater on Aug. 19. Tickets go on sale May 22 at 10 a.m. at Ticketmaster. Founder Sarah MacLachlan and Deborah Cox will be among the performers at this year's event. This is Lilith's third and final year. Other artists have not been finalized for this show yet, but if it's anything like last year's, it's sure to be the best show of the summer.

Ruff Ryders' new album falls short in artistic talent despite cuts with DMX

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When your new rap crew just happens to include one of the hottest MCs on the planet, name recognition is not something you have to worry about. DMX seems content to be just another guy in the band, appearing on only three of the 13 cuts on Ruff Ryders' new album, "Ryde or Die Vol. One." However, none of his Ruff Ryder cohorts can match his menace and intensity. But the subject matter too often wallows in cheap violence, casual homophobia and stupid misogyny.

Earth to Ruff Ryders: Lauryn Hill and the Roots, among others, obliterated that foolishness ages ago. Most disappointing, though, is that the seductive and undeniable beats so central to the thug rap genre are in short supply here. The DMX cuts burn clean, as does "Down Bottom," with guest Juvenile, but too often the tracks from successful producer Swizz Beatz come up lame. DMX's star power and the lowest-common-denominator lyrical approach will guarantee big sales, but nobody's kidding anyone about artistic achievement here.



DMX stands out on the Ruff Ryders' "Ryde or Die Vol. One," but otherwise, the album ends up flat.

Black Heart Procession releases 'Blue Tears,' a collection of gorgeous melancholy melodies

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Touch and Go might not be the first label that springs to mind when you think of delicate, eerie tales of heartache, but that's just where San Diego's Black Heart Procession has landed for its sophomore disc. A trio featuring Pall Jenkins and Tobias Nathaniel of Three Mile Pilot, BHP distinguishes itself from the rest of the sad-sack pack through oddball instrumentation and gorgeous, melancholy melodies that take their own sweet time in unfolding.

Among the highlights: "Blue Tears," in which a pump organ recalls the bleak, closing-time-at-the-carnival mood that marked some of Tom Waits' best '80s work; and "A Light So Dim," a towering, mesmerizing opus that musically conjures up the feeling of a ship lost at sea, then repeats that same image in the lyrics to symbolize a lovelorn soul's desperation. This is powerful stuff, expertly executed.

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A black and white photograph of actor Seth Green. He has dark, curly hair and is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. On his forehead, between his eyebrows, is a prosthetic eye that looks like a mechanical or cybernetic device. He is wearing a dark, textured jacket over a dark t-shirt. The background is dark and out of focus.

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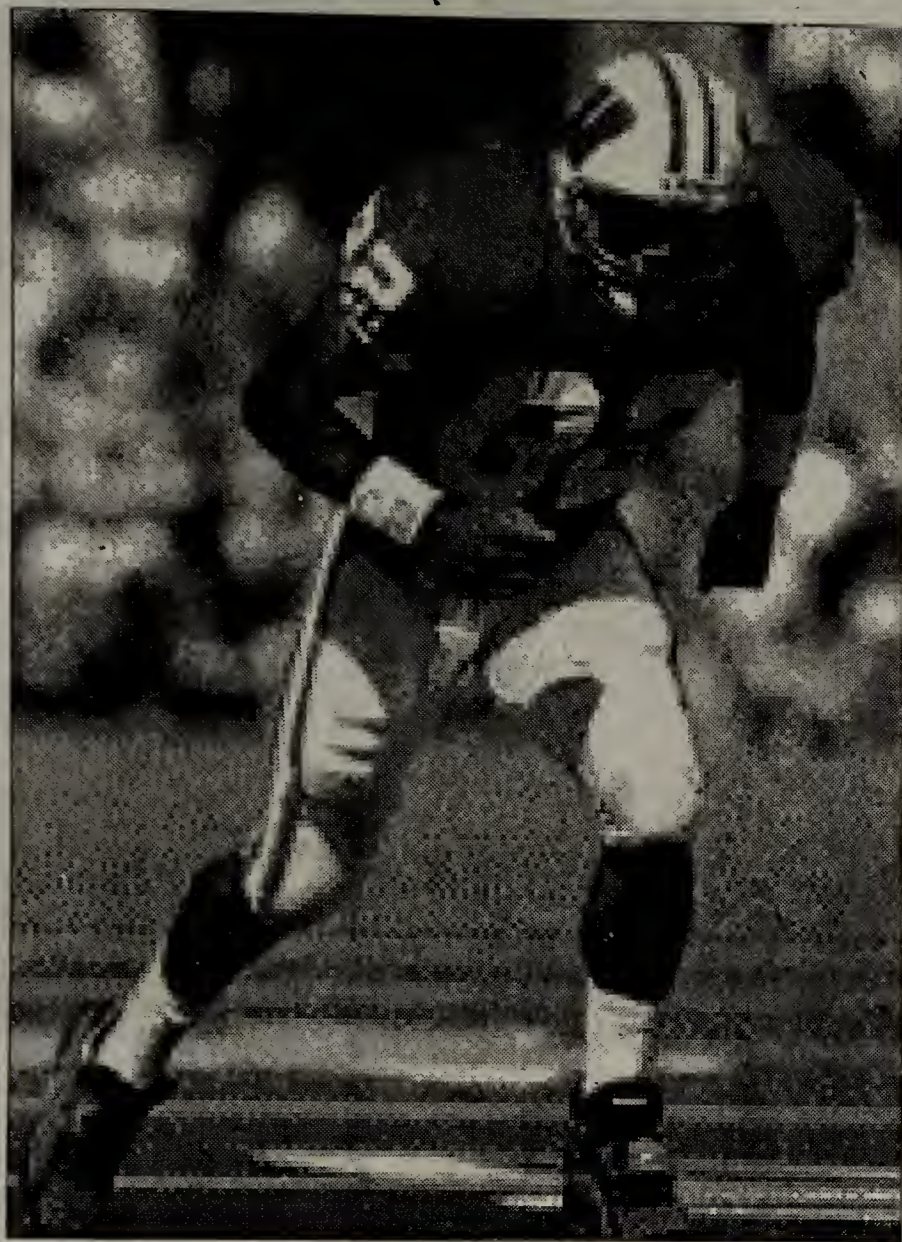


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New England Patriots' Tony Simmons is commended for his work on and off the field.

50 interviewed in fraud case

Investigation continues in men's basketball program at University of Minnesota

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Investigators looking into charges of academic fraud in the University of Minnesota men's basketball program have interviewed 50 people so far and plan to talk with another 70, said Tonya Moten Brown, who is coordinating the investigation for the Big Ten school.

In a report to university regents on Thursday, Brown said external investigators have reviewed thousands of documents, including analysis of data from computers in the academic counseling unit and the men's basketball office.

Basketball coach Clem Haskins is among the individuals yet to be interviewed.

"Investigators want to firm up as much factual information as possible before interviewing key witnesses, such as coach Haskins," Brown said.

Brown, chief of staff to university President Mark Yudof, said in many cases, individuals may be interviewed more than once.

With no subpoena power, investigators have no way to compel testimony from people who are not employees or students at the university.

The investigators, who began work March 19, have identified four focus areas: allegations of academic fraud, allegations of inadequate institutional control, allegations of extra benefit for student athletes and allegation of possible violations of NCAA rules or university policies.

The investigation headed by Kansas City attorney Michael Glazier and Minneapolis attorney Don Lewis is expected to be completed in September.

Regents had no comments or questions related to Brown's report, a highly unusual response. They heard from a dozen administrators and faculty members throughout the day-long meeting.

None of the regents commented. "We feel we're already informed and we know the investigators are going down the right road," said William Hogan III, chairman.

Simmons still learning NFL

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MADISON, Wis. — Tony Simmons is a smart man..

Sure he has a degree in construction administration and is working toward a master's as we speak. But he knows the game, and how life works now that he's been pulling down receptions for the New England Patriots for a year. Everything's business.

"There were a few old acquaintances," Simmons said, casually joking about the well-wishers and old biology classmates that just recently found the Chicago native's number.

"I kind of expected it, but I also knew how to deal with it. I have my close friends, and I know who really cares about me. The other people I don't really pay mind to."

And, as unhappy as it makes the ever-smiling Simmons to say so, he hardly has time for anyone, much less his friends. To listen to Wisconsin's career leader in receiving touchdowns (23) and average yards per catch (20.1), life in the fast lane is just that, and it takes a little getting used to.

"It's tough right now, because I'm away from everyone," Simmons said. "Whenever I go back to Wisconsin or Chicago, people want to spend the whole week with me, but I can really only spend a couple hours. You just can't really visit everybody in those three months."

Those 90 days he's referring to consti-

tutes the NFL's off-season, or what should be the off-season if you aren't Tony Simmons. A workaholic more than ever, Simmons is a dedicated disciple of Pats coach Pete Carroll, whose increased conditioning load has some Boston sportswriters drawing comparisons to Parris Island. And the Northeastern boot camp has already had some go AWOL, including Simmons' elder counterpart, Terry Glenn. The former Buckeye has had an aversion to off-season workouts since making the jump to the NFL, and though he has agreed to follow the regimen, he refuses to do so on New England's time.

"Honestly, I don't care when he works out as long as he does the work," said Simmons, whose off-season load consists of conditioning and weight training that begin at 5:30 a.m.

Simmons is one of a cast of young players praised by Carroll for their work ethic in the off-season.

Sound like the lifestyle of a wealthy man? "I'm not a rich man," Simmons quipped.

"I have to go to work like everyone else, and this is my 9-to-5 job. People think you have all this money and time to spend it. But as soon as you get it, there are the taxes and the expenses."

Simmons also has remembered his roots.

"I bought my mom a house and a car, and she's gonna retire," Simmons said. "She's my role model. She worked three jobs and raised me well."

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